

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Each year, the Society of American Magicians, which was founded in 1902, memorializes the deeply mourned death of its Past National President Harry Houdini on October 31, 1926; and,

Whereas, The Society of American Magicians is dedicated to elevating the art of magic with its Endowment Fund providing educational and humanitarian assistance to its members and encouraging youngsters to develop self esteem throughout the performance of magic; and,

Whereas, Magic is an ancient and delightful form of entertainment which, as a hobby for youth, has demonstrated itself to be a positive activity, and which continues to give much pleasure to young and old; and,

Whereas, During the year, members of the Society of American Magicians Assembly Number 273 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, generously offer their time and talent for charitable purposes providing entertainment for hospitals, schools, churches, nursing and retirement homes, and for other charitable institutions throughout our state; and,

Whereas, The current National President of the Society of American Magicians, Richard M. Dooley, notes that October 31, 2005, is National Magic Day, and has declared October 24 through 30, 2005, as National Magic Week:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 24-30, 2005, as

MAGIC WEEK


in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State